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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Foreign Area Research

1. In response to my question about the impact of the news (The President's decision on State clearance of foreign sociological research projects), [redacted] said that a foreign area research council was being set up in State with Tom Hughes as chairman, and with a representative from the policy planning staff and the regional bureau, plus a regular staff of 14. All foreign area research projects with field operations would be reviewed for their effect on U.S. policy.

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2. Although Mr. Nagle was much concerned about the whole affair, FAR is being "strengthened." Mr. Nagle is to be replaced by George Denny as chairman. Nagle is to be taken care of otherwise. A subcommittee on counterinsurgency is soon to be set up in which some representative of the Army outfit which has the SORO contract might participate; they hope.

3. I said, because of the potentially widening role of the Office of Basic Intelligence in all these matters, Mr. Brammell would be interested.

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